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TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: REPORTED ARREST OF MAJOR PROTESTANT CHURCH
LEADERS

1. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NCC) STAFF MEMBER
CALLED EA/K TODAY TO ASK CONFIRMATION OF REPORT NCC
RECEIVED INDICATING REV KIM KWAN-SOK AND REV. PAK
HYONG-KYU HAD BEEN ARRESTED AND CHARGED ON EMBEZZLE-
MENT CHARGES. NCC RECEIVED INFORMATION BY TELEPHONE
CALL FROM KOREA AND STAFF MEMBER INDICATED ORGANIZATION
WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED BY THIS REPORTED ROKG ACTION
AGAINST PROMINENT KOREAN CHURCH MEMBERS.

2. NCC STAFF MEMBER WAS TOLD THAT WE HAD RECEIVED NO
REPORT OF ARREST OF THE TWO CLERGYMEN BUT THAT WE
WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE WHATEVER FACTUAL INFORMATION BE-
CAME AVAILABLE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO
EMBASSY ON REPORTED ARREST OF KIM AND PAK. IF REV.
KIM IN FACT UNDER ARREST EMBASSY SHOULD INFORMALLY
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POINT OUT TO ROKG SIGNIFICANT REACTION WHICH WE EXPECT

FROM AMERICAN CHURCH GROUPS AND CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES.

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